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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

G. Ramanath, et al.

Application No.: 09/977,069

Filed: October 11, 2001

For: SELF-ASSEMBLED SUB-
NANOLAYERS AS INTERFACIAL
ADHESION ENHANCERS AND
DIFFUSION BARRIERS FOR
INTEGRATED CIRCUITS

Customer No.: 20350

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 24, 2003, please enter these remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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